What is claimed is:

1. A group B streptogramin derivative of general formula:

in which

Y is a nitrogen atom or a radical =CR3-,

- 10 R<sub>1</sub> is a hydrogen atom, a radical alkyl (1 to 8 carbons), alkenyl (2 to 8 carbons), cycloalkyl (3 to 8 carbons), heterocyclyl which is saturated or unsaturated (3 to 8 members), phenyl, phenyl which is substituted (with one or more halogen atoms or hydroxyl, alkyl, alkyloxy,
- alkylamino or dialkylamino radicals) or a radical
  NR'R", R' and R", which are identical or different,
  being capable of being hydrogen atoms or alkyl radicals
  (1 to 3 carbons), or being capable of forming together
  with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached a 3-

to 8-membered heterocycle optionally containing another heteroatom chosen from oxygen, sulphur or nitrogen which is optionally substituted (with a radical alkyl, alkenyl (2 to 8 carbons), cycloalkyl (3 to 6 carbons),

- heterocyclyl which is saturated or unsaturated (4 to 6 members), benzyl, phenyl or phenyl which is substituted as defined above for the definition of  $R_1$ ), or alternatively when Y is a radical = $CR_3$ -,  $R_1$  may also be halomethyl, hydroxymethyl, alkyloxymethyl,
- alkylthiomethyl in which the alkyl portion is optionally substituted with NR'R", alkylsulphinylmethyl, alkylsulphonylmethyl, acyloxymethyl, benzoyloxymethyl, cyclopropylaminomethyl or  $-(CH_2)_nNR'R"$  (n being an integer from 1 to 4 and R'
- and R" being defined as above), or alternatively if  $R_3$  is a hydrogen atom,  $R_1$  may also be formyl, carboxyl, alkyloxycarbonyl, or -CONR'R" for which R' and R" are defined as above,
- or alternatively when Y is a nitrogen atom, R<sub>1</sub> may also 20 be a radical -XR° for which X is an oxygen or sulphur atom, a sulphinyl or sulphonyl radical, or an NH radical and R° is a radical alkyl (1 to 8 carbons), cycloalkyl (3 to 6 carbons), heterocyclyl which is saturated or unsaturated (3 to 8 members),
- heterocyclylmethyl (3 to 8 members) in which the heterocyclyl portion is attached to the methyl radical by a carbon atom, phenyl, phenyl which is substituted (with one or more halogen atoms or hydroxyl, alkyl,

alkyloxy, alkylthio, alkylsulphinyl, alkylsulphonyl, amino, alkylamino or dialkylamino radicals) or a radical  $-(CH_2)_nNR'R''$  for which R' and R'' are defined as above and n is an integer from 2 to 4, or alternatively

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5 if X represents NH, R° may also represent the hydrogen atom,

 $R_2$  is a hydrogen atom or an alkyl radical (1 to 3 carbons),

 $R_3$  is a hydrogen atom or an alkyl, carboxyl,

alkyloxycarbonyl or carbamoyl radical having the structure -CO-NR'R" in which R' and R" are defined as above,

Ra is a methyl or ethyl radical, and Rb, Rc and Rd have the definitions below:

- 15 1) Rb and Rc are hydrogen atoms and Rd is a hydrogen atom or a methylamino or dimethylamino radical,
- 2) Rb is a hydrogen atom, Rc is a hydrogen, chlorine or bromine atom, or represents an alkenyl radical (3 to 5C), and Rd is a radical -NMe-R''' for which R''' represents a radical alkyl, hydroxyalkyl (2 to 4C), or alkenyl (2 to 8C) which is optionally substituted with phenyl, cycloalkyl(3 to 6C) methyl, benzyl, benzyl which is substituted (with one or more halogen atoms or hydroxyl, alkyl, alkyloxy, alkylthio, alkylsulphinyl, alkylsulphonyl, amino, alkylamino or dialkylamino radicals), heterocyclylmethyl or heterocyclylethyl

in which the heterocyclyl portion is saturated or

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unsaturated and contains 5 to 6 members and 1 or 2 heteroatoms chosen from sulphur, oxygen or nitrogen which is optionally substituted (with a radical alkyl, alkenyl (2 to 8 carbons),

- 5 cycloalkyl (3 to 6 carbons), heterocyclyl which is saturated or unsaturated (4 to 6 members), phenyl, phenyl which is substituted as defined above for the definition of  $R_1$  or benzyl), or alternatively R''' represents a radical cyanomethyl, or -CH<sub>2</sub>CORe10 for which either Re is -OR'e, R'e being hydrogen, alkyl (1 to 6 carbons), alkenyl (2 to 6 carbons), benzyl or heterocyclylmethyl in which the heterocyclyl portion contains 5 to 6 members and 1or 2 heteroatoms chosen from sulphur, oxygen or 15 nitrogen, or Re is an alkylamino, alkylmethylamino, heterocyclylamino or heterocyclylmethylamino radical in which the heterocyclyl portion is saturated and contains 5 to 6 members and  $1\ \mathrm{or}\ 2$  heteroatoms chosen from
  - Rb is a hydrogen atom, Rd is a radical -NHCH<sub>3</sub> or  $-N(CH_3)_2$  and Rc is a chlorine or bromine atom, or represents an alkenyl radical (3 to 5C), (if Rd is  $-N(CH_3)_2$ ),

substituted with an alkyl, benzyl or

alkyloxycarbonyl radical,

sulphur, oxygen or nitrogen which is optionally

4) Rb and Rd are hydrogen atoms and Rc is a halogen atom, or an alkylamino or dialkylamino, alkyloxy,

trifluoromethoxy, thioalkyl, alkyl (1 to 6C) or trihalomethyl radical,

- 5) Rb and Rc are hydrogen atoms and Rd is a halogen atom, or an ethylamino, diethylamino or methylethylamino, alkyloxy or trifluoromethoxy, alkylthio, alkylsulphinyl, alkylsulphonyl, alkyl (1 to 6C), phenyl or trihalomethyl radical,
- 6) Rb is a hydrogen atom and Rc is a halogen atom or an alkylamino or dialkylamino, alkyloxy or trifluoromethoxy, thioalkyl or alkyl (1 to 3C) radical, and Rd is a halogen atom or an amino, alkylamino or dialkylamino, alkyloxy or trifluoromethoxy, thioalkyl, alkyl (1 to 6C) or trihalomethyl radical,
- 15 7) Rc is a hydrogen atom and Rb and Rd represent a methyl radical,

the alkyl, alkenyl or acyl radicals being straight or branched and, unless otherwise stated, the alkyl or acyl radicals containing 1 to 4 carbon atoms, as well as its salts when they exist.

2. A group B streptogramin derivative according to claim 1, wherein Y is a nitrogen atom or a radical  $=CR_3-$ ,

25  $R_1$  is a hydrogen atom, a radical alkyl (1 to 8 carbons), cycloalkyl (3 to 8 carbons), heterocyclyl which is saturated or unsaturated (3 to 8 members), phenyl, phenyl which is substituted (with one or more amino,

alkylamino or dialkylamino radicals) or a radical NR'R", R' and R", which are identical or different, being capable of being hydrogen atoms or alkyl radicals (1 to 3 carbons), or being capable of forming together

- with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached a 3to 8-membered heterocycle optionally containing another heteroatom chosen from oxygen, sulphur or nitrogen which is optionally substituted with an alkyl radical, or alternatively when Y is a radical  $=CR_3-$ ,  $R_1$  may also
- be halomethyl, hydroxymethyl, alkylthiomethyl in which the alkyl portion is optionally substituted with NR'R", alkylsulphinylmethyl, alkylsulphonylmethyl, acyloxymethyl, cyclopropylaminomethyl or -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>NR'R" (n being an integer from 1 to 4 and R' and R" being
- defined as above), or alternatively if  $R_3$  is a hydrogen atom,  $R_1$  may also be formyl or -CONR'R" for which R' and R" are defined as above,
  - or alternatively when Y is a nitrogen atom,  $R_1$  may also be a radical -XR $^\circ$  for which X is an oxygen or sulphur atom, a sulphinyl or sulphonyl radical, or an NH
- radical and R° is a radical alkyl (1 to 8 carbons),
  heterocyclylmethyl (3 to 8 members) in which the
  heterocyclyl portion is attached to the methyl radical
  by a carbon atom, or a radical -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>NR'R" for which R'
- 25 and R" are defined as above and n is an integer from 2
   to 4,

 $R_2$  is a hydrogen atom or an alkyl radical (1 to 3 carbons),

 $R_3$  is a hydrogen atom or a carboxyl or alkyloxycarbonyl radical,

Ra is a methyl or ethyl radical, and Rb, Rc and Rd have the definitions below:

- Rb and Rc are hydrogen atoms and Rd is a hydrogen atom or a methylamino or dimethylamino radical,
  - Rb is a hydrogen atom, Rd is a radical -NHCH $_3$  or -N(CH $_3$ ) $_2$  and Rc is a chlorine or bromine atom, as well as its salts when they exist.

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3. A group B streptogramin derivative according to claim 1, wherein

Y is a nitrogen atom or a radical  $=CR_3-$ ,

 $R_1$  is a hydrogen atom, a radical alkyl (1 to 3 carbons), cycloalkyl (3 to 8 carbons), heterocyclyl which is saturated or unsaturated (3 to 8 members), phenyl, phenyl which is substituted with an amino radical, or alternatively when Y is a radical = $CR_3$ -,  $R_1$  may also be acyloxymethyl,

- or alternatively when Y is a nitrogen atom,  $R_1$  may also be a radical -XR° for which X is an oxygen or sulphur atom or a radical NH and R° is an alkyl radical (1 to 4 carbons) or a radical -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>NR'R" for which R' and R" which are identical or different may be hydrogen atoms
- or alkyl radicals (1 to 3 carbons), or form together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached a 3-to 8-membered heterocycle optionally containing another heteroatom chosen from oxygen, sulphur or nitrogen

optionally substituted with an alkyl radical, and n is an integer from 2 to 4,  $\,$ 

 $R_2$  is a hydrogen atom or an alkyl radical (1 to 3 carbons),

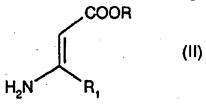
- $R_3$  is a hydrogen atom or an alkyloxycarbonyl radical, Ra is a methyl or ethyl radical, and Rb, Rc and Rd have the definitions below:
  - Rb and Rc are hydrogen atoms and Rd is a hydrogen atom or a methylamino or dimethylamino radical,
- 10 · Rb is a hydrogen atom, Rd is a radical  $-NHCH_3$  or  $-N(CH_3)_2$  and Rc is a chlorine atom, as well as its salts when they exist.
- 4. A group B streptogramin derivative 15 according to claim 1, which is  $2"-methylpyrido[2,3-5\gamma,5\delta]pristinamycin I_E.$ 
  - 5. A group B streptogramin derivative according to claim 1, which is
- 20 2"-cyclopropylpyrido[2,3-5 $\gamma$ ,5 $\delta$ ]pristinamycin I<sub>E</sub>.
  - 6. A group B streptogramin derivative according to claim 1, which is  $pyrido[2,3-5\gamma,5\delta]pristinamycin \ I_E.$

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7. A group B streptogramin derivative according to claim 1, which is

2"-ethylpyrido[2,3-5 $\gamma$ ,5 $\delta$ ](4 $\zeta$ -methylamino)-(4 $\zeta$ -dedimethylamino)pristinamycin I<sub>E</sub>.

- 8. A group B streptogramin derivative according to claim 1, which is  $4\epsilon \text{chloro-2"-(ethyl)-pyrido[2,3-5\gamma,5\delta](4\zeta-methylamino)-(4\zeta-dedimethylamino)pristinamycin } I_E.$
- 9. A process for the preparation of a streptogramin derivative according to claim 1, wherein Y is a radical = $CR_3$  and  $R_3$  is other than an alkyl radical, wherein an enamino ester of general formula:



in which  $R_1$  is defined as above and R represents the residue of an easily hydrolysable ester or an alkyl radical, is reacted with the corresponding  $5\delta$ -methylenepristinamycin derivative of general formula:

in which Ra, Rb, Rc and Rd are defined as for claim 1,  $R_2$  is defined as for claim 1 and  $R_4$  is a hydrogen atom, or  $R_2$  represents a hydrogen atom and  $R_4$  is a hydrogen atom or a dialkylamino radical, followed where appropriate by the conversion of the ester obtained to an acid, and then optionally by its decarboxylation, or by the conversion of the acid to a carbamoyl radical according to the derivative according to claim 1desired, and/or followed where appropriate by the 10 conversion of the derivative according to claim 1 for which  $R_1$  is hydroxymethyl to a derivative for which  $R_1$ is a radical formyl, and then where appropriate carboxyl, and then where appropriate alkyloxycarbonyl or -CONR'R" and/or optionally followed by the mono-N-demethylation of the derivative according to claim 1for which Rd is a dimethylamino radical to a derivative for which Rd is methylamino, and then optionally followed by the conversion to a salt when they exist.

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10. A process for the preparation of a streptogramin derivative according to claim 1, for which Y is a radical  $=CR_3-$  and  $R_3$  is a hydrogen atom or an alkyl radical, wherein a pyridinium salt of general formula:

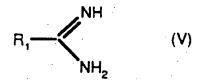
$$R_3$$
  $R_5$  (IV)

in which  $R_3$  is defined as above,  $R_5$  is the residue of a ketone  $R_1$ -CO- for which  $R_1$  is defined as above with the exception of representing a radical -NR'R", or optionally represents a protected hydroxyl radical or a nitrophenyl radical or alternatively R5 represents the cyano radical so as to obtain a streptogramin derivative for which  $R_1$  is an amino radical, and  $X^-$  is an anion, is reacted with the corresponding  $5\delta$ methylenepristinamycin derivative of general formula (III) defined in claim 2, in which  $R_4$  is a hydrogen atom and Ra, Rb, Rc, Rd and  $R_2$  are defined as for claim 1, optionally followed by the liberation of the hydroxyl radical or where appropriate the reduction of the nitrophenyl radical so as to obtain a derivative for which  $R_1$  is an aminophenyl radical, or optionally followed by the reaction of an amine of general formula HNR'R" with the streptogramin derivative according to claim 1, for which  $R_1$  is halomethyl, so as to obtain the

25 corresponding derivative for which  $R_1$  is a radical

-CH<sub>2</sub>NR'R", or where appropriate by the conversion of the derivative according to claim 1 for which  $R_1$  is hydroxymethyl to a derivative for which  $R_1$  is a radical formyl, and then where appropriate carboxyl, and then where appropriate alkyloxycarbonyl or -CONR'R" and/or optionally the mono-N-demethylation of the derivative according to claim 1 for which Rd is a dimethylamino radical to a derivative for which Rd is methylamino, and then optionally followed by the conversion to a salt, when they exist.

11. A process for the preparation of a streptogramin derivative according to claim 1, for which Y is a nitrogen atom, wherein an amidine salt or a derivative of isourea or of isothiourea of general formula:



in which  $R_1$  is defined as for claim 1, with the exception of representing a radical XR° for which X is sulphonyl or sulphinyl, or a radical NR'R" other than amino, is reacted with a streptogramin derivative of general formula (III) as defined in claim 2, for which  $R_4$  is dialkylamino, and then in order to obtain a streptogramin derivative according to claim 1, for which  $R_1$  is a radical XR° for which X is sulphonyl or sulphinyl, the corresponding derivative for which X is

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a sulphur atom is oxidized, and then in order to obtain the streptogramin derivative according to claim 1, for which R<sub>1</sub> is a radical NR'R", the sulphonyl derivative obtained is substituted by the action of the corresponding amine HNR'R" and/or optionally in order to obtain a derivative for which Rd is methylamino, the mono-N-demethylation of the derivative according to claim 1, for which Rd is a dimethylamino radical is carried out, and then optionally converted to a salt, when they exist.

12. A process for the preparation of a streptogramin derivative according to claim 1, for which Y is a radical =CR<sub>3</sub>-, R<sub>1</sub> is a hydrogen atom, an alkyl, alkenyl, cycloalkyl, aromatic heterocyclyl, phenyl, substituted phenyl, halomethyl, hydroxymethyl, alkyloxymethyl, alkylthiomethyl, alkylsulphinylmethyl, alkylsulphonylmethyl or -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>NR'R" radical, or alternatively when R<sub>3</sub> is a hydrogen atom, for which R<sub>1</sub> is formyl, carboxyl, alkyloxycarbonyl or -CONR'R" as defined for claim 1 and R<sub>2</sub> is a hydrogen atom, wherein the formyl enamine of general formula:

25 in which  $R_1$  is a hydrogen atom, an alkyl, alkenyl, cycloalkyl, aromatic heterocyclyl, phenyl, substituted

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phenyl, hydroxymethyl, alkyloxymethyl, alkylthiomethyl or  $-(CH_2)_nNR'R''$  radical and  $R_3$  is defined as for claim 1, with the exception of representing carboxyl, is reacted with a streptogramin derivative of general

## 5 formula:

in which Ra, Rb, Rc and Rd are defined as for claim 1, followed where appropriate by the conversion of the derivative for which R3 is amide or ester to a derivative for which R3 is carboxyl and/or where appropriate the oxidation of the derivative for which R1 is alkylthiomethyl to a derivative for which R1 is alkylsulphinylmethyl or alkylsulphonylmethyl, or where appropriate the conversion of the derivative for which R1 is a hydroxymethyl radical to a derivative for which R1 is halomethyl, and then where appropriate the conversion of the derivative for which R1 is halomethyl to a derivative for which R1 is -CH2NR'R", or where appropriate the conversion of the derivative according to claim 1, for which R1 is hydroxymethyl to a

derivative for which  $R_1$  is a radical formyl, and then where appropriate carboxyl, alkyloxycarbonyl and/or -CONR'R", and/or optionally the mono-N-demethylation of the derivative according to claim 1, for which Rd is a dimethylamino radical to a derivative for which Rd is methylamino, and then optionally followed by conversion to a salt, when they exist.

- 13. A process for the preparation of a

  10 streptogramin derivative according to claim 1, for
  which Rd is methylamino, wherein the mono-Ndemethylation of the derivative according to claim 1,
  for which Rd is a dimethylamino radical, is carried out
  and then the streptogramin derivative obtained is

  15 optionally converted to a salt.
  - 14. A streptogramin derivative of general formula:

in which Ra is a methyl radical and Rb, Rc and Rd are defined as in claim 1, or Ra is an ethyl radical and Rb, Rc and Rd are defined as in claim 1 in 2) to 7) and R5 represents a disubstituted methylenyl radical having  $\mathbf{R}$ 

the structure for which  $R_2$  and  $R_4$  are defined as above, or alternatively in which Ra, Rb, Rc and Rd are defined as for claim 1 in 2), except for R"' representing ethyl if Rb and Rc are hydrogen, and  $R_5$  is a hydrogen atom.

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- a group B streptogramin derivative according to claim

  1, in a pure state or in the form of a combination with

  at least one group A streptogramin derivative, where

  appropriate in the form of a salt, and/or in the form

  of a combination with one or more compatible and

  pharmaceutically acceptable diluents or adjuvants.
- 16. A pharmaceutical composition according
  20 to claim 15, wherein the group A streptogramin
  derivative is chosen from pristinamycin II<sub>A</sub>,
  pristinamycin II<sub>B</sub>, pristinamycin II<sub>C</sub>, pristinamycin II<sub>D</sub>,
  pristinamycin II<sub>E</sub>, pristinamycin II<sub>F</sub>, pristinamycin II<sub>G</sub>
  or from known semisynthetic derivatives or from the
  25 derivatives of general formula:

in which R<sub>1</sub> is a radical -NR'R" for which R' is a hydrogen atom or a methyl radical, R" is a hydrogen atom, an alkyl, cycloalkyl, allyl, propargyl, benzyl or -OR''', R''' radical being a hydrogen atom, an alkyl, cycloalkyl, allyl, propargyl or benzyl radical, or -NR<sub>3</sub>R<sub>4</sub>, it being possible for R<sub>3</sub> and R<sub>4</sub> to represent a methyl radical, or to form together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached a saturated or unsaturated 4- or 5-membered heterocycle which may in addition contain another heteroatom chosen from nitrogen, oxygen or sulphur, R<sub>2</sub> is a hydrogen atom or a methyl or ethyl radical, and the bond --- represents a single bond or a double bond, as well as their salts.

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17. A combination of a group B streptogramin derivative according to claim 1 with at least one group A streptogramin derivative as defined in claim 16.